Lovers on the Sand
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FROM NOW ON I AM PRINCE SAKUL'S LOYAL SERVANT.
IT WAS DECIDED THAT I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU, SO THAT I MAY ALWAYS PROTECT YOU FROM NOW ON
He has never broken until now.
The oath Fahad gave me then,
LOVERS ON THE SAND
THIRD NIGHT

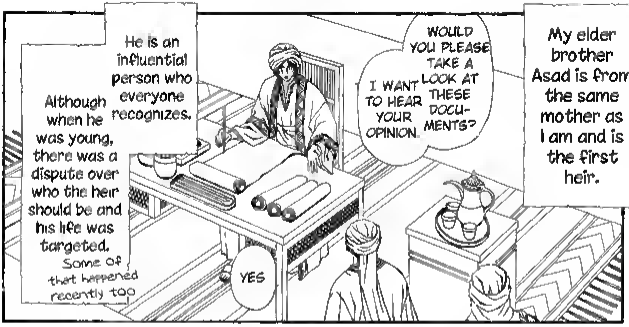
EH?
NO, NO. IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE IF HE GOT HURT.
DO YOU WANT TO COME WITH US FOR FALCONRY NEXT TIME?
BROTHERS
YOU SEEM WELL, SAKUL.

PRINCE SAKUL IS VERY BUSY.
IT'S BECAUSE SAKUL IS DIFFERENT FROM US SIDE CHILDREN.
THAT'S TRUE TOO!
Hah,hah,hah!
EXCUSE ME.

YOUR HIGHNESS, PLEASE HURRY.
HOW PATHETIC TO BE FOLLOWING THE ORDERS OF A SERVANT.
AND HE'S THE SECOND-IN-LINE.
—I'm a joke.
—LOVERS ON THE SAND—
砂の上の恋人たち
THIRD NIGHT

I can't say even one thing in response to my brothers words.
Why am I...?
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
EH?
I WAS TOO FORWARD
NO, YOU SAVED ME! I SHOULD THANK YOU.
Fahad always appears out of nowhere to save me like this.
He is a warrior that has been attoched to the Raun Family which controls this country, of which I am the second heir.
WELL THEN,
AH!
I WANT TO GO TO BROTHER ASAD'S PLACE FROM HERE,
AND MY BROTHER WOULD FEEL BETTER IF YOU WERE WITH ME...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE YOURSELF

—WELL THEN,
I SHALL ACCOMPANY YOU.
Although I know it's just because "it's an order",
When Fahad is near me,
I feel reassured and happy.
BIG BROTHER!
IS THAT YOU, SAKUL? COME IN


My elder brother Asad is from the same mother as I am and is the first heir.
WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THESE DOCUMENTS?
I WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINION.
He is an influential person who everyone recognizes.
Although when he was young, there was a dispute over who the heir should be and his life was targeted.
Some of that happened recently too
YES

But right now I can't think of a more fitting heir than my brother.

flance
To be honest, I don't have the ability to stand above others.
Compared to him, I'm...
That's why I can't say anything to my half-brothers.

I wonder if Fahad is dissatisfied, having to serve someone like me.
After all, his right eye was...
ASAD, IS IT ALL RIGHT?
SHAMS, AND MATAL, WHAT'S WRONG?
ALTHOUGH IT WAS QUIET FOR A WHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE THE KIDNAPPER HAS REAPPEARED.
THE ONE WHO WAS ONLY TARGETING YOUNG WOMEN...?
IT SEEMS SO.
HOWEVER, IF I REMEMBER THERE WERE A LOT OF FALSE REPORTS AND THAT A LOT OF THOSE CASES WERE SIMPLY YOUNG WOMEN ELOPING?
THAT WAS MY YOUNGER SISTER.
THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT
HOWEVER IT LOOKS LIKE SUCH CASES ARE MULTIPLYING AGAIN
AFTER RESEARCHING PAST EVENTS, IT LOOKS LIKE THE ELOPING WAS A TRICK
FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WERE INJURED HAVE COME FORWARD
IT'S SOMETHING THAT GIVES ME A HEADACHE AT A TIME LIKE THIS

A TIME LIKE THIS .?
IT'S FATHER.
HE HAS SAID THAT HE IS GOING TO RETIRE AND GIVE THE FULL POSITION OF LEADERSHIP TO ME
CONGRATULATIONS!!
WELL, ASAD IS PRACTICALLY LIKE THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY NOW ANYWAY.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE NEXT SUCCESSOR WILL
OFFICIALLY BE DECIDED AS LORD SAKUL, CORRECT?
Ah...
PRINCE ASAD.
I'M SURE LORD SAKUL WILL BE FINE
WHAT, ARE YOU STILL RELUCTANT, SAKUL?
THAT'S RIGHT

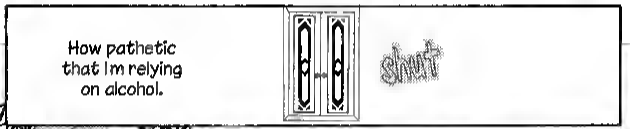
BROTHER, WHAT WERE YOU AND FAHAD-?
I JUST TOLD HIM THAT HE'LL NEED TO PROTECT YOU EVEN MORE FROM NOW ON
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU
I DON'T THINK I NEED TO SAY IT, BUT
AS YOU WISH
PLEASE PROTECT SAKUL.
—I SEE
I'LL LEAVE THE KIDNAPPER CASE TO YOU
UNDERSTOOD.
THAT'S TRUE
IF IT'S FAHAD THEN HE'LL FOLLOW THE ORDER NO MATTER WHAT TO PROTECT YOU, EVEN IF IT COSTS HIM HIS LIFE
"PRINCE!"
"EVEN IF IT COSTS HIM HIS LIFE."

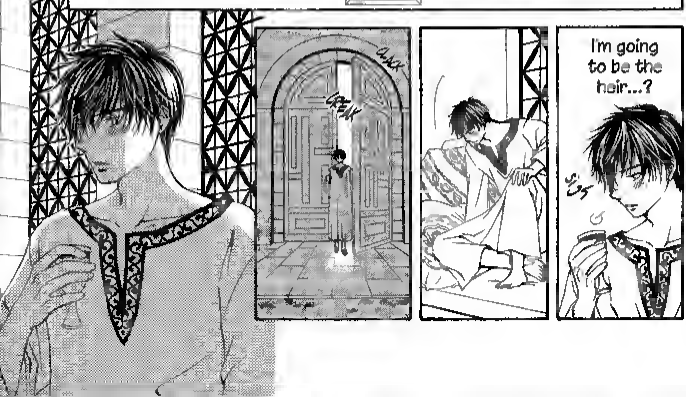
He lost
One of his eyes.
"PRINCE,"
"ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?"
I JUST FELT A BIT LIKE DRINKING
THAT HAPPENS EVERY NOW AND THEN, DOESN'T IT?
THIS IS UNUSUAL FOR SAKUL TO BE DRINKING ALCOHOL LIKE THIS.
For the sake of someone like me—...

HUAAAA...
THAT'S ENOUGH
EVERYONE, YOU CAN LEAVE AND GET SOME REST
THEN, PLEASE EXCUSE US

YES
IT'S ONLY BEEN ONE MONTH SINCE THE PRINCE HIRED ME
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE. ARE YOU NEW?
ONE MONTH ?!

I'M SORRY, IT SEEMS I'M BAD AT REMEMBERING THINGS
NO, IT'S BECAUSE I HAVEN'T WORKED MUCH BY YOUR SIDE, YET.
DURING A RECENT LEAVE WE HAD, ONE OF THE SERVANTS LEFT AND THAT'S WHEN HE CAME
I SEE I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
YES!


How pathetic that I'm relying on alcohol.
Shirt


CHACK
CREAK
I'm going to be the heir...?
Sigh

...
DO YOU WANT TO DRINK SOME TOO, FAHAD?
THIS IS THE GARDEN IN FRONT OF MY ROOM, ISN'T IT?
I'M JUST TRYING TO SOBER UP A LITTLE BIT...
WHILE STILL HOLDING ALCOHOL?
IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, PRINCE...
...
Ah, he's silent
SLIP
TURN
WAH!

GR
AB
SEE, THERE'S NOTHING DANGEROUS,
SINCE YOU'RE ALWAYS HERE TO PROTECT ME.

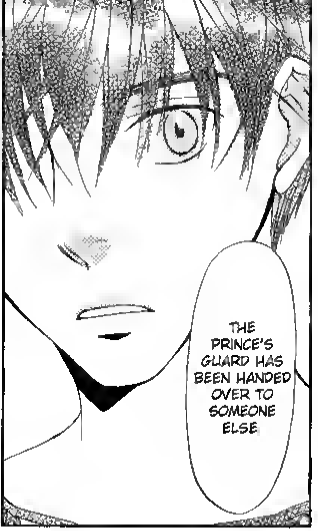
PRIN-..
TOUCH
IT HURT, DIDN'T IT?
WHY WOULD YOU GO SO FAR TO PROTECT ME?
THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER MASTER WHO'S FAR MORE WORTHY OF HAVING YOU PROTECT HIM...
LEAN
PRINCE, YOU ARE..
SIGH

—THIS WOUND

STILL CAUSES YOUR HEART PAIN, DOESN'T IT?
...YOU ARE...
FAHAD, WHERE ARE YOU?
FAHAD!
PRINCE!!
THIS IS FAHAD'S CLOAK, ISN'T IT?
HUH?
...NH

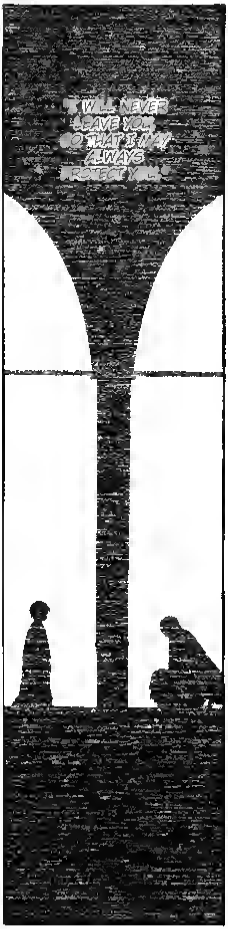
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SAKUL?
SHUT
BIG BROTH-ER!

FAHAD'S GONE!


THE PRINCE'S GUARD HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE.

OR COULD IT BE THAT HE QUIT WORKING HERE?
...
YOU TOOK HIM OFF OF MY DUTY AND ASSIGNED HIM ANOTHER DUTY, DIDN'T YOU?
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, BROTH-ER?!

GASP
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF, SAKUL!
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO BY CAUSING A COMMOTION OVER SOME-THING LIKE THAT?
BUT, BROTH-ER.
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE ANOTHER GUARD, THERE'S NO PROBLEM IS THERE?



Why would he disappear without saying anything...?

I'M VERY SORRY

But why...?

I WONDER IF HE WAS JUST BEING CIVIL TO ME.

WAS IT BECAUSE I WAS A WEAK MASTER WHO TURNED TO ALCOHOL TO RUN AWAY FROM MY RESPONSIBILITIES?

The fact that I was a worthless mast...
Rather than when Fahad lost his eye,
PRINCE SAKUL,
THE TRUTH IS,
WHAT?
SOMEONE SAW SIR FAHAD IN THE TOWN
IF HE'S A MERCENARY THEN HE COULD HAVE TAKEN A JOB GUARDING THE LAND AROUND THE CASTLE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I DON'T MIND
I SEE
IF THAT'S BETTER FOR FAHAD THEN...
Then, he really...

IF YOU WOULD LIKE, I COULD TAKE YOU THERE?
Has abandoned me, hasn't he...?
I CAN EASILY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO SMUGGLE YOU OUT OF THE PALACE.
THAT IS, IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO WEAR A DISGUISE, YOUR HIGHNESS
THE PLACE WHERE SIR FAHAD WAS SEEN.
...EH?
It's not that I want to meet him...
AS YOU WISH.
—I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
It's just,
THIS WAY, NO ONE WILL SUSPECT YOU'RE THE PRINCE
YOUR PHYSIQUE IS SLENDER SO YOU SHOULDN'T LOOK STRANGE.
WOMEN'S CLOTHES?
EH?
Or that I want to bring him back with me.

THIS CERTAINLY IS A DESERTED PLACE, THOUGH...
glance
HUH?
IS THIS REALLY THE PLACE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE...?
WELL, HELLO YOUNG LADY
HAVE I SEEN THAT PERSON SOMEWHERE...?
lost child?
I want to determine if Fahad really has left my side for good.
Just want to be certain.

WHAT A STUPID PRINCE.
HE LET ME LEAD HIM WITHOUT FIGURING OUT I WAS DECEIVING HIM.
BUT NOW, IF THE PRINCE DISAPPEARS,
I'LL BE GIVEN THE REWARD OF BEING ABLE TO PLAY AROUND ALL I WANT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS ALL BY YOURSELF?
DO YOU WANT TO BE KIDNAPPED BY US?
OH—?
glint
AND JUST WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS GENEROUS MASTER OF YOURS?
LORD SHAMS

YOU WON'T ESCAPE! AFTER HER!
DASH
WHOO
SH
TH
UD
YANK
AH!

TUG
ALL RIGHT! PULL HER BACK!
THIS GIRL IS WEARING SOME REAL HIGH-QUALITY GARMENTS.
SHE MUST BE AN IMPRESSIVE PRETTY GEM
!
OR
What should I do?
At this rate,
BANG
I'll be captured ...!
SWAP
WHAT THE-?!

THIS PERSON
IS NOT SOMEONE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TOUCH!

Fahad!!
PLEASE ESCAPE, YOUR HIGHNESS!
LEAVE THIS UP TO ME!
BUT ..
IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT, SO HURRY!
I GOT IT!
DASH
CLANG
SLICE
That's right! I'm just in the way here!
Uwaaa!

THAT GUY CAN'T USE HIS RIGHT EYE!
ATTACK HIM FROM HIS BLIND SPOT!
This is bad...!!

THUD
OW!
KILL HER!!
THAT BITCH..
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
DASH
THU
NK
DROP YOUR WEAPONS AND BEHAVE!
THIS AREA IS SUR-ROUNDED!
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH!

M-M!
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
FAHAD
IT'S MATAL AND THE PATROL
COLLAPSE
AAH, THAT'S A HORRIBLE INJURY...
IT'S NOT THAT SERIOUS. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
RATHER THAN THAT,
I AM DEEPLY SORRY.
IF I HAD BEEN HERE A LITTLE SOONER...
YOU REALLY ARE FAHAD, AREN'T YOU?
HUG

YOUR HIGHNESS...?
He came for me.
He wasn't just with me out of duty.
I'm so glad!
I HEARD FROM FAHAD ABOUT SOME SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES GOING ON AROUND SAKUL.
I THOUGHT WE SHOULD SIMPLY BE EXTRA VIGILANT, BUT-
I DISAGREED AND DECIDED TO LEAVE YOUR SIDE.
IN THE HOPES THAT DOING SO WOULD CAUSE YOUR ENEMY TO MOVE AND REVEAL THEMSELVES

THE IDEA WAS TO FORCE OUT THE NEW OBSTACLE FOR THE RULER
EH? THEN THAT PERSON WAS...
THEY WERE TRYING TO TRICK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS
ANYWAY, NOW WE CAN FIGURE OUT WHO THE MASTERMIND IS
Then that entire conversation back then was a lie.
BUT THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU, SAKUL!
TO LEAVE THE PROTECTION OF THE PALACE TO LOOK FOR FAHAD-!
I'M VERY SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY
HONESTLY!
Pat
WELL, BECAUSE OF THAT WE WERE ABLE TO ROUND UP ALL THOSE CRIMINALS
SHAMS AND MATAL WERE BOTH HAPPY
I BROTHER
It was pretty foolish, but GOOD WORK

BUT IT'S JUST A SCRATCH ON MY LEG.
CRACK
THAT WON'T DO. YOU'RE INJURED.
I CAN WALK BY MYSELF, YOU KNOW
GRAB
DON'T GO!
WELL THEN,
. . . AGAIN
YOUR HIGH-NESS . . . ?

I'M SORRY I MADE YOU WORRY
I STILL HAVEN'T APOLOGIZED FOR THAT
ARE YOU GOING TO DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIDE AGAIN...?
I WON'T LEAVE YOUR SIDE AGAIN
Ah...
THAT'S NOT IT
YOU'VE SERVED ME WELL UNTIL NOW,
BUT...
I THINK SERVING A DIFFERENT MASTER WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU...
He already wants to leave.
YOUR HIGHNESS?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY NEAR ME

It's better to set him free.
—IS IT YOUR ORDER THAT I FIND ANOTHER MASTER?
...
IF IT'S NOT AN ORDER THEN
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING YOUR SIDE
FOR ME,
THE DAY WHEN I MET YOU
AND WAS TOLD TO PROTECT YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
"TAKE MY HAND."
WILL YOU."

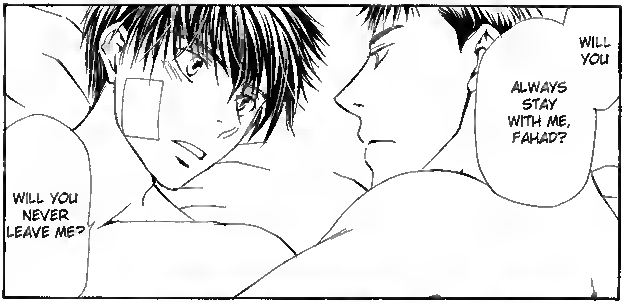
"YOUR HAND IS BIG AND WARM, FAHAD!"
"... YES"
WILL YOU HOLD MY HAND WHEN WE WALK EVERY DAY FROM NOW ON?
"IF THAT IS YOUR WISH, PRINCE"
IT WAS I WHO DECIDED TO DEVOTE MY LIFE TO YOU.
DOES THIS WOUND BOTHER YOU?
flinch
I DID NOT INTEND TO HURT YOU WITH IT.

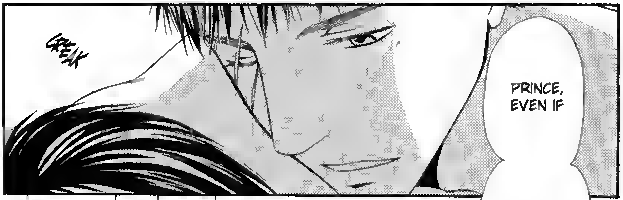
TO DO -
TO DO ANYTHING MORE FOR ME IS-!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT ANY-MORE!!
AS A SER-VANT I AM UNWORTHY OF YOUR WORDS
A SER-VANT . !
THIS WOUND IS SOMETHING MY INEXPERIENCE CAUSED
AND AT THE SAME TIME IT IS PROOF THAT I WAS ABLE TO PROTECT YOU
RATHER THAN A PUNISHMENT, FOR ME THIS IS A MEDAL.

YOUR HIGH-NESS...?
I DON'T THINK OF YOU THAT WAY!
YOUR HIGH-NESS...!
NH!

KISS
SUCK
PANT
...YOUR HIGHNESS, LET'S STOP HERE.
IF I TOUCH YOU ANY MORE THAN THIS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO PRESERVE MY SENSE AS A SERVANT...
PANT
I DON'T MIND.
YOUR HIGHNESS

WILL YOU FORGIVE ME FOR EVERY-THING ?
Because I want Fahad.
After all, this is something I want.
IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO MAKE ONE REQUEST?
ANY-THING.





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